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1. HONDURAS DOES HAVE PROCEDURE TO LICENSE FOREIGN LOBSTER FISHING, ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT APPLICATIONS OR APPROVALS.

2. PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING FISHING RIGHTS CONSISTS OF BOTH APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. BOTH APPLICATIONS MUST BE PRESENTED THROUGH A HONDURAN LAWYER. IN THE APPLICATION TO THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES THE APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS:

A. INCORPORATION PAPERS OF THE COMPANY.

B. A SMALL SECURITY DEPOSIT.

C. PUBLICATION IN THE "GACETA" THREE TIMES OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE COMPANY INTO HONDURAS AND THE PURPOSE OF ITS OPERATIONS.

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D. STATEMENT OF THE CAPITAL OF THE CORPORATION.

E. STATEMENT OF THE INSTALLATIONS OF THE COMPANY (PIERS,
PACKING SHEDS, ETC)

F. A LIST OF THE BOATS TO BE OPERATED WITH THE RELEVANT
REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

3. FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THE MAJOR COST OF OBTAINING THE
REQUISITE PERMISSIONS HAVE BEEN LAWYER FEES. LAWYERS TEND TO SET
FEES AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CAPITAL OF THE CORPORATION RATHER
THAN FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES PROVIDED.

4. FINALLY, IT IS NOTED THAT SEVERAL MAJOR REVISIONS OF THE
HONDURAN LAWS ARE UNDER CURRENT CONSIDERATION AND MAY RESULT
IN A CHANGE FROM THE PRESENT OPEN ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT
TOWARDS ISSUANCE OF FISHING PERMITS.
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